

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Washington
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME			
COMMON: Springfield Farm			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: .4 Mile South of U.S. 11 on Springfield Lane			
CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Sixth	
STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 043

3. CLASSIFICATION		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		STATE: Maryland	COUNTY: Washington
OWNER'S NAME: Mary E. Roney (Mrs. W. Howard Roney)			
STREET AND NUMBER: Rfd. #1			
CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport	STATE: Maryland		

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE: Maryland		

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located .4 miles south of U.S. 11 in Williamsport is Springfield Farm. Built in three distinct parts, the center, or original section dates from the second half of the eighteenth century. This two-story plus attic beaded clapboard house is five bays wide with an entrance in the center bay of both the first and second stories on the east facade. Covering this is a two-story pedimented portico. Near the peak of the pediment is a small fan light. There is one window in each remaining bay with twelve over twelve lights on the first story and twelve over eight lights on the second story.

The north end of this section is brick laid in common bond, three courses of stretchers to one of headers. Close to the east wall on the first floor is a window which has been bricked in probably when the north wing was added. Directly above this is a six over six light window. In the gable are two small four light casement windows flanking the large inside end chimney.

The west side is also beaded clapboard. In the second story are five twelve over eight light windows. Across the first story is a screened porch. This facade also has a double door in the center bay. The northern-most bay containing a bathroom extends to the outer edge of the porch and is brick. Centered in the west wall is a small, six over six light window.

The north wing of the house is brick laid in common bond with five rows of stretchers to each row of headers. In the southern-most bay is a large, five-sided Victorian bay window. Each side has a narrow one over one light window. Paired, carved brackets are located between the windows with large block modillions between the brackets. This window was probably added in the late nineteenth century about the time the south wing was constructed. Each of the two northern bays has a six over six light window. Piercing the roof between the bay window and the center one is a large chimney. A six over six light dormer window is above the bay window and the center one. At the northern-most end of the ridge is a small bell and hood.

Centered in the northern gable is a six over six sash window. Below and to the right of this is a double window each with six over six sash. On the west is a brick lean-to addition forming a catslide roof and a door on the north.

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#7 Description (Continued)

The west side of the lean-to has two nine over six sash windows with a dormer above the south window. The west side of the wing itself has two, one over two light windows, with a six over six sash dormer between them.

The Victorian wing on the south, erected in 1879, is three bays wide by two deep and is two-and-one-half stories with a metal hipped roof. Between the central section and Victorian wing is a large brick chimney. The entrance, with its Victorian paneled double door and two-light segmental arch transom, is in the north bay. There are two windows in the first story and three in the second, all of which have two over two sash. Centered in the roof is a dormer, also with two over two light sash. The brick, laid in common bond with six courses of stretchers to one of headers, is painted white to match the rest of the house.

The south end has windows at the corners on both floors. The first story windows appear to have been reduced in height. The west side of this section also has a door in the north bay. The center window on the first floor, a double casement, is not original. The south window with two over two sash also appears to have been reduced in height. Above the door between the first and second stories is a two over two light window. The center and south bays on the second floor contain the same type of window. Centered on the roof is a two over two light dormer.

The original section has a central hall with two rooms on each side. The parlor in the Victorian wing was originally one large room but was divided into two in the 1940's.

Also on the same property are several original outbuildings including a springhouse, stillhouse, and several smaller buildings. Both the stillhouse and springhouse are built of rough fieldstone. The stillhouse is two stories, three bays wide and three deep with an overhanging gable roof. The springhouse is one story, three bays wide with a projecting pedimented porch, and a hipped roof.

## 6. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

Bicentennial☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☒ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Springfield Farm in Washington County gained its historic significance through its association with General Otho Holland Williams (1749-1794), Revolutionary patriot. William's Revolutionary career began in 1775 when he marched with the two Maryland companies who joined the Continental Army in Boston. He fought in the 1775 and 1776 campaigns until his capture at Fort Washington (November 16, 1776). Exchanged for a British prisoner on January 1778, he rejoined the army in time to participate in the Battle of Monmouth. His reputation as a soldier was established in the Carolina campaigns notably at the Battles of Cowpens and Eutaw Springs.

At the end of the campaign he returned to Maryland to secure the title of Springfield Farm. The property had been included in the proprietary Manor of Conococheague where Williams' father had tenated a farm until his parents death in 1764. Subsequently, his older sister married George Ross who assumed the responsibility of orphans. Ross lived on Lot 2 of Conococheague Manor -- later called Springfield Farm. Ross, a prominent resident of the area, served as commissary of the Conococheague during the French and Indian War facilitating General Edward Braddock's campaign. After Ross' death (1771) his property reverted to his brother then to his nephew. By 1788 Williams had patented Ross' farm which remained his country home until his death in 1794.

Williams spent much of his time in the 1780's lobbying to locate the national capital at the village of Washington (now Williamsport) a half mile from Springfield Farm. Although Williams took his appeal directly to George Washington a site further down stream on the Potomac was chosen.

After General Williams' death his brother Colonel Elie Williams became the owner of Springfield Farm. Colonel Williams attained his rank while serving as quartermaster of the militia during the Revolution. He later served as president of the commission which laid out the National Road and as surveyor for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Elie Williams' participation in two of the major internal improvements of the young

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#8 Significance (Continued)

Republic broadens the historical associations of Springfield Farm.

The third Williams owner, Edward Green Williams (son of the general), was known for his lavish entertainments and a visit of Betsy Patterson Bonaparte.

In 1864 the Williams' descendants sold Springfield Farm to a Baltimore sugar merchant, Charles W. Humrichouse. He added the Victorian wing in 1879 for social gatherings in the tradition of Edward Williams. During the Humrichouse family's ownership Springfield Farm was a social center of the Williamsport region.

Since World War II the environs of Springfield Farm have felt the impingements of twentieth century development. However, modifications of recent owners have not destroyed the historic character of Springfield Farm.

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#9 Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

Secondary Sources:

Mish, Mary Vernon. "Springfield Farm on the Conococheague." Maryland Historical Society. Vo. XLII (December 1952), 314-335.

Spessard, Howard L. "A Condensed Biography and History of General Otho Holland Williams." December 1971. manuscript. Files of the Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Primary Sources:  
Hall of Records, Annapolis Inventory of the estate of George Ross. 1772. Liber 112 Folio 75.  
Hall of Records:  
Patent Records. Liber BC & GS #49 folio 220 and Liber IC #C folio 444.  
Hall of Records:  
Proprietary Manors, List of Improvements. 1767. Calvert Papers. M 1234.

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0			0			0		
NE	0			0			0		
SE	0			0			0		
SW	0			0			0		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Ann Hill, Summer Intern, and Nancy Miller, Historian sdh

ORGANIZATION  
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE  
Aug. 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland

CODE  
24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____  Orlando Ridout IV</p> <p>Title _____  State Historic Preservation Officer</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____  Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Springfield Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Springfield Lane, approximately 1/4 mile southeast of U.S. 11				
CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. W. Howard Roney				
STREET AND NUMBER: Springfield Farm				
CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 270/672				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #4002				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Springfield Farm is at present listed with the Maryland Historical Trust in Annapolis and nomination forms are being prepared for the National Register of Historic Places. A State Historical Marker, explaining the significance of Springfield Farm is located along U.S. Route 11 near the house. Additional records are on file with the Maryland Historical Trust in Annapolis.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol. 47, No. 4., December, 1952,

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 81.57 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE October, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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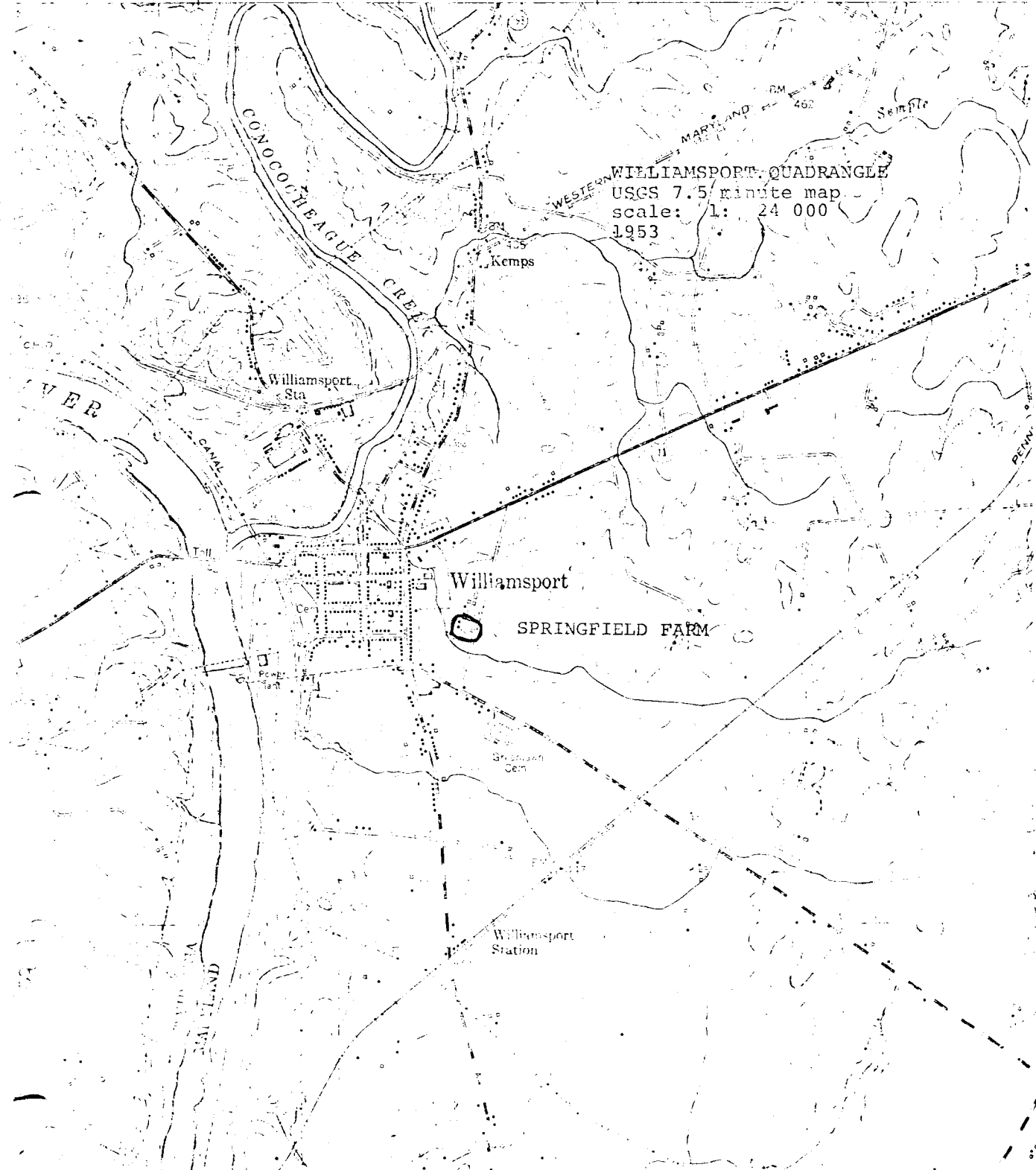
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